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STUDY MISSION

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1. FOUR SINGLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN BOOKED FOR MISSION IN ASHOKA
HOTEL FROM 14TH NIGHT.

2. AFTER RESTING ON ARRIVAL SUNDAY JANUARY 15 MISSION WILL MEET
EMBASSY OFFICIALS ON MONDAY JANUARY 16 AT 9 AM AND, TIME
PERMITTING, VISIT DELHI ZOO THAT AFTERNOON: OR ELSE ON
TUESDAY MORNING.

3. MURTHY HAD A MEETING WITH NALNI JAYAL ON JANUARY 4.
GOI'S ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS, APPAYYA, WAS ALSO
PRESENT.

4. THEY HAVE CALLED A MEETING IN KRISHI BHAVAN ON TUESDAY
JANUARY 17 OF ABOUT THIRTY OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY, ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL SURVEY, MADURAI AND DELHI
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HISTORY SOCIETY, DELHI'S NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, WORLD WILD-
LIFE FUND (I), DELHI AND HYDERABAD ZOOS, INDIAN COUNCIL OF
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, AND SOME STATE FOREST DEPARTMENTS. THEY
WILL DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES IN THE MORNING AND PRESENT THEIR
TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS IN A MEETING WITH THE MISSION IN THE
AFTERNOON AT 1430 HOURS.

5. DISCUSSIONS WITH THIS CROSS-SECTION OF INDIAN SCIENTISTS AND CONSERVATIONISTS WILL COVER: STATUS SURVEYS AND ECOLOGICAL STUDIES OF SOME ENDANGERED SPECIES, USE OF TELEMTRY TECHNIQUES, INTERPRETATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SELECTED NATIONAL PARKS AND SANCTUARIES, SETTING UP A MARINE NATIONAL PARK IN THE GULF OF MANNER, IN-DEPTH STUDY OF DELHI ZOO FOR REORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHING HYDRO-BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATIONS IN BHARATPUR AND CHILKA LAKE, AND RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS AREAS NEAR URGAN CENTERS. THESE AREAS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

6. THAT EVENING (JANUARY 17) THEY PROPOSE TO HOST A DINNER FOR THE MISSION.

7. JAYAL HAS ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM KARNATAKA. HE IS THEREFORE DEPUTING APPAYYA TO ACCOMPANY MISSION GROUP TO KARNATAKA.

8. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE MISSION MEET THE CHAIRMAN, INDIAN BOARD FOR WILDLIFE, MR. H.M. PATEL)WHO IS ALSO GOI'S FINANCE MINISTER) AND THE MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. THIS COULD PERHAPS BE DONE ON 18TH MORNING OR ALTERNATIVELY ON 23RD WHEN THE MISSION IS BACK IN DELHI.

9. THE GROUP GOING SOUTH FOR ITS FIELD TRIP WOULD LEAVE DELHI JANUARY 18 AT 1630 HOURS VIA IC 403 FOR BANGALORE AND, GOING UNCLASSIFIED

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BY ROAD TO BANDIPUR, MUDUMALAI AND NAGARHOLE BETWEEN JANUARY 19 AND 21, RETURN TO BANGALORE JANUARY 22. BANNEERGHATTA IS ONLY ABOUT 15 MILOMETERS FROM BANGALORE AND IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEE IT BEFORE LEAVING FOR DELHI VIA IC 404 AT 1940 HOURS ON JANUARY 22. THE OTHER GROUP WOULD VISIT CORBETT, BHARATPUR AND DEHRA DUN, ALL BY ROAD, LEAVING DELHI BY NOON JANUARY 18 AND RETURNING JANUARY 22 NIGHT.

10. JAYAL RECOMMENDED A VISIT TO THE HYDERABAD ZOO BUT WITH PRESENT AIR SCHEDULES THIS WOULD MEAN ANOTHER DAY.

11. IF THE APPOINTMENTS SUGGESTED IN PARA 8 ARE COMPLETED ON 18TH MORNING, MISSION COULD THEN HAVE ALL OF 23RD FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG THEMSELVES.
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